

***Amendments to the Specification***

Please amend paragraph 13 of the specification as follows:

Figure 2A is an exploded view of one embodiment of the present invention.

Please insert the following new paragraph immediately following paragraph 13 of the specification:

Figure 2B is a side view of an elongated lighting apparatus according to one embodiment of the present invention.

Please amend paragraph 27 of the specification as follows:

With reference to Figure 2A, one embodiment of the present invention is illustrated having particular regard to the region located between adjacently positioned elongated members. This is an exploded view of the lighting apparatus in order that the interconnection of the components can be identified. A first elongated tubular member 10, has a substrate 20 slidably connected thereto by a mounting means 80, which in this instance are in the form of two flanges. Integrated onto the substrate are a plurality of light emitting devices 30 for providing illumination of the apparatus. Enclosing the end of the elongated tubular member is an end cap 50 having a protrusion 40 therein which projects towards the region of separation of the adjacent members. Positioned within the protrusion 40, is a light emitting device 30A which provides a means for illuminating the region of separation of the adjacent elongated tubular members. In Figure 2A, a second elongated tubular member is not shown, however the end cap for sealing this member is illustrated. The opposite ends of the elongated tubular members can be sealed with similar endcaps or alternate end caps depending on the desired functionality at that

particular end of the tubular member. Enclosing the separation region between the adjacent elongated tubular members is a flexible interconnector 60 which can provide a means for visually concealing the separation region, wherein this interconnector is sufficiently flexible such that it is capable of lengthening or shortening as the elongated members undergo thermal expansion or contraction. Figure 2B illustrates an embodiment of the present invention wherein the elongated lighting apparatus is coupled to an electrical power supply 510 and is optionally coupled to a controller 500. The substrates 20 within an elongated tubular member 10 are coupled together using a biasing system 150.

Please substitute the abstract attached hereto for the pending abstract.